

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 7 and 12 were objected to for the use of the phrase “, and besides.” Claims 7 and 12 have been amended to remove the language “besides,” which clarifies the language of the claims. It is submitted that this change to claims 7 and 12 obviates the objection.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kurpanek. Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claims 7-11 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 7 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 6.


Claims 12-16 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the claim objections. As discussed above, claim 12 has been amended to overcome the objection.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-33 are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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